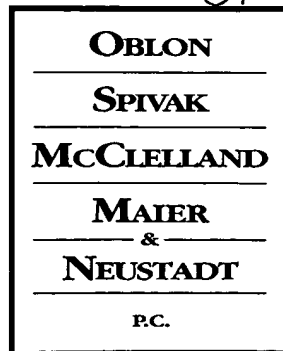


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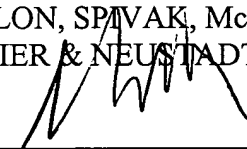
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In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005, Applicants request the reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-6, for the reasons set forth below:

As Applicants have explained in the previous responses, according to a feature of the invention, the openings for winches in the frame of an upper rotating body in a traveling working machine are formed when detachable frames are connected together with fixed frames having recessed cut-outs, thereby permitting the insertion of a large diameter winch in an opening sized for a smaller diameter portion. For example, referring to the non-limiting Figure 5b of the specification, the openings need not be sufficiently large to pass the large diameter winch drum flanges 6a', and so the strength of the frames is enhanced.

Claim 1 recites in part that the smaller-diameter portions of the winches do not include the shafts of the winches, as is shown in Fig. 5. The Examiner considers this limitation to be indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because (1) the shafts are themselves smaller diameter portions of the winches, and (2) this is a negative limitation. In response,